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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2003 ("Office Action") and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendment and enter the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

Submitted herewith is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response for three (3) months up to and including May 19, 2004, with provision for fee.

A DECLARATION OF LORENZO FABIANO BAGAROLLO UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereinafter "*Mr. Bagarollo's Declaration*") is submitted herewith as Exhibit A.

Also submitted herewith is a Change of Correspondence Address.

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Remarks begin on page 4.